

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Kovats, President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Kovats, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Kovats made the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Butler Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall, communicated to THE SUBURBAN TRENDS and THE DAILY RECORD, and filed with the Borough Clerk on April 26, 2007.

Chapter 8, P.L. 1995 provides for the representation of sending school district board of education members on the receiving school district board of education.

The Bloomingdale Board of Education representative has voting privileges on matters as outlined in Board Policy No. 0141.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Knapp, Lakawicz, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Puglise, Roche, Soules (Bloomingdale Rep.), and Kovats

Members Absent: Lee

Others Present: Dr. René T. Rovtar, Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, April Plantamura from The Suburban Trends, 2 staff members, 2 students, and 23 members of the public

Greg Somjen, architect, reviewed the athletic referendum project options. The public asked many questions regarding the previously presented plan as well as the alternatives.

Discussion ensued.

TECHNOLOGY

*On motion of Mr. Puglise and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve a Power to Learn internet service package with Cablevision for all facilities as a supplement to current networking services, for the period 2-1-2008 to 6-30-2008.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

*On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the professional day(s) for the 2007-2008 school year as per attached listing.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Roche, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the appointment of **Tracey Salvatore as Teacher of Art at the Aaron Decker School** at the Step 5 MA salary of \$53,410 to be prorated for the period effective March 26, 2008 (or as soon as Ms. Salvatore can be released from her current teaching contract) through June 30, 2008.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Discussion of agenda

There will be a Town Council meeting on January 30.

Referendum – Board needs to formulate a plan. Architect will be asked to price individual components for consideration.

Mr. Kovats commented on town's water report.

PRIVATE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kovats and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved **at 9:20 p.m. to approve the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subject to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231; it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in executive session by the Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting and information pertinent there to will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved **to return to Public Session at 9:30 p.m.**

On a voice vote the motion carried.

The Board has been in executive session for the past 10 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mr. Puglise, it was moved to **adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair**. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary